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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/936,563
METHOD FOR REDUCING FLUORESCENCE
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Our Ref: LOM 24

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for your letter of July 12, 2002. In accordance with your instructions, we enclose a copy of the Reply along with a Petition for Extension of Time as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 27, 2002. Our debit note is enclosed.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Very truly yours,

James E. Ruland

Enclosure(s)

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Professional Fees

			Hours	Rate	Amount
4/7/2002	PTOH	Docket - Review of PTO Actions; Generate Appropriate Docket Entries and Report to Client.	1.00	55.00	55.00
7/22/2002	JER	Review Letter from Client.	0.20	240.00	48.00
7/25/2002	JER	Study Client's Instructions; Review Office Action, Claims, and References; Prepare Reply To Office Action.	4.30	240.00	1,032.00
7/29/2002	JER	Review References and Revise Reply To Office Action; Internal Conference.	2.70	240.00	648.00
7/29/2002	AJZ	Review draft; Internal Conference re strategy.	0.90	490.00	441.00
8/23/2002	JER	Review References.	0.50	240.00	120.00
8/25/2002	JER	Revise Reply to Office Action.	0.80	240.00	192.00
8/27/2002	PTOH	Preparation And Filing Of Request For Extension Of Time For 2nd Month, Including Fee Payment.	1.00	40.00	40.00
8/27/2002	JER	Revise Reply and File Same with Patent Office.	0.80	240.00	192.00
Sub-total Fees:					2,768.00

Rate Summary

James E. Ruland	9.30 hours at \$240.00/hr	2,232.00
Anthony J. Zelano	0.90 hours at \$490.00/hr	441.00
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